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SAVANNAH, Ga. - Armstrong Atlantic State University freshman outfielder **Ryan Patterson** has been named the Peach Belt Conference's baseball Freshman of the Week for a third consecutive week, becoming the first player to accomplish the feat.

Patterson hit .636 and slugged .909 in the Pirates' three-game series at Columbus State over the weekend. The Snellville, Ga., native went 3-for-4 and accounted for all four of Armstrong's runs with his first collegiate home run, a grand slam, in Sunday's first game of a doubleheader split with the Cougars. He then went 3-for-4 in the Pirates' game-two win on Sunday with an RBI. Patterson also drew two walks on the weekend for a .692 on-base percentage. He leads the Pirates and ranks third in the PBC in hitting with a .463 average.

Since the league's Freshman of the Week award was instituted in 2009, only one other player - Francis Marion's Michael Wilson in 2010 - had ever won back-to-back Freshman of the Week honors before Patterson. He also becomes the the third Armstrong player to earn the award three times in one season, joining Cameron Scott (2010) and current teammate **R.J. Dennard**, who was a three-time honoree in 2012.

Patterson and the Pirates return to action on Friday, March 7, traveling to USC Aiken for a 4:00 p.m. Peach Belt Conference matchup with the No. 14-ranked Pacers.



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